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John 16

The disciples of Jesus are still struggling with understanding what Jesus is telling them at times. Add to that and the distress at what He says is going to happen to Him, that He declares He is going away but will come back. They hear Him but they sense there is more to the story.

This was all written to the Apostles and those new Believers in the first century. It was God's intent that these words would not change. They were as valid in the end days as the days they were spoken. It is God's pattern that He wants us to follow, never changing other than the Covenant from Old Covenant to New Covenant.

So, read with care and understand with an open and contrite heart God's teaching to the only Apostles of Jesus. They were of this first century and there are no Apostles of Jesus alive on earth today.

***Jesus' Warning***  
***(Acts 23:12-22)***

**John 16:1 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.**

This word “offended” in the King James is translated in Strong’s concordance in the Greek as falling into sin.

**σκανδαλισθητε verb - aorist passive subjunctive - second person**

**skandalizo skan-dal-id'-zo:** to entrap, i.e. trip up (figuratively, stumble (transitively) or entice to sin, apostasy or displeasure) -- (make to) offend.

It is where we get our word “scandal”.

In other words, it is Jesus’ warning the Apostles that they are going to be attacked by Satan in order to get them to “sin”, or “stumble” in their walk. Another term God uses warns us is that of a “falling away”. Falling away is often associated with false teaching. Look at the world today, do you see any false teaching in local and national churches or religions in general?

**The ONLY WAY to be assured of walking in God’s Word is to study it yourself daily.**

***2 Thessalonians 2: 1Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2That ye be not soon***

*shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. **3**Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

**Q.** Who was Jesus talking to in vs 1 of John 16?

His only Apostles of the 1<sup>st</sup> century at the outset of His Church, that is called the Body of Christ. Do not be deceived with those today that claim to be Apostles of Jesus Christ. They are liars and deceivers.

So, where do we get the idea of the Church being the “Body of Christ”?

**Ephesians 1:22-23**

*And God put everything under His feet and made Him head over everything for the church, / which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

**Galatians 3:28**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**Q.** Back to 2 Thessalonians 2:2-3 when Paul says “brethren”?

**“brethren”** specifically of the 1<sup>st</sup> century; those who appear to be walking with Christ. When we call each other “brother or sister” today we are doing so based on outward appearances. Our brothers and sisters by all appearances,

by language and action appear to be following Jesus.

How fragile is each of our walks with Christ?

Only God knows the hearts of man, we can only surmise, guess, what is in their hearts of those we call “brother or sister”. This falling away is going to be many whom we look to as “brothers and sisters”. The falling away is going to be a falling away from Christ, from the big C Church, the Body of Christ.

***1 Timothy 4:1 1Now the Spirit expressly states that in later times some will abandon the faith to follow deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons, 2influenced by the hypocrisy of liars, whose consciences are seared with a hot iron.***

The world is NOT going to fall away from their master Satan, so again who is falling away and from what? It is those in what appear to be churches, religions that claim Jesus with their mouths, but their hearts are far from God. Those are the ones that are going to fall away from the Faith.

***Matthew 15:18 This people honors Me with the lips, but their heart is kept far away from Me.***

***Micah 6: 8He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?***

***Matthew 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? [23](#)And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.***

***Matthew 7: [13](#)Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: [14](#)Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. [15](#)Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. [16](#)Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?***

**2They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.**

This idea of killing Jews and Christians has propelled itself into the 21<sup>st</sup>. century having been perpetrated against the Jews by many gentile nations and quite prolifically by the Islam.

Many Muslims and supporters of Muslim will lead to killings of Jews and by association Christians all in the name of Allah. Their excuse for murder will be any number of perceived allegations against the Jews the Small Satan and America, specifically Christian's from America or other Believers from around the world. Whether it is Hamas

supporters or other radical Islamic members or supports, they will target Jews first and Christians second due to their hatred of God and His Son Jesus Christ and by our Belief in and Allegiance to the One True God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and His Son our Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Islam in their Koran believe that they should kill the Infidels for various offenses against Allah. And, in that belief they believe they are doing their god Allah a service, just as Jesus predicted.

In searching out the various verses that are clearly meant to bring death upon “infidels” it was astounding the number of apologists who claim that what the Koran says is not what it means. It was page after page from Quora to My Koran. Every site makes excuses for what is said claiming that Allah is the same God of Christians. That is an absolute lie and should be discarded out of hand.

*Surah (5:33 Quran)*

*“Sahih International  
Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth [to cause] corruption is none but that they be killed or crucified or that their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides or that they be exiled from the land. That is for them a disgrace in*

*this world; and for them in the Hereafter is a great punishment,”*

That prediction by the way was not solely for the Muslims, there have been many folks, religious and otherwise that have killed Jews and Christians, believing they are doing a service, some to God some to mankind. Hitler's perfect race to Hamas chant "From the river to the sea", have a single thing in common. Satan's hatred of Jesus, God and the Jewish Nation of Israel.

Back to Islam, they have identified two nations of what they call the great Satan and the little Satan. The great Satan is America, and the little Satan is Israel.

As Jesus began what is now known as the Christian Church, Big "C" Church, the Jews started throwing what are now called Messianic Jews out of the Synagogue that believed in Jesus, and eventually killing them. Satan has now apparently placed that work in the hands of Islam and other anti-semitic nations. Antisemitism is growing around the world and even here in America. Universities are a hot bed of hatred and evil against the Jewish Nation. Major Universities who proclaim freedom of thought are the most viral of institutions that teach leftist, socialist ideals and what

to think and then punish those who disagree. Many of these institutions have direct connection with world religions.

Antisemitism reared its ugly head this past week with a radical American killing two Jewish young staffers in Washington DC, chanting “free, free Palestine”.

**3And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.**

We need to keep reminding ourselves as to who Jesus is talking to here. He is speaking to 12 Jews who were His Apostles. He was speaking about the Jewish leadership that would direct the Jewish Religion’s hatred toward those who would become the Jewish Believers or Messianic Jews. Remember even Paul when he was searching out followers of Jesus to bring “Christians” to the Sanhedrin was only seeking out the Jewish believers in Christ or as some called it at that time “the Way”. It was all focused on the Jews by the Jews for extermination.

This internal hatred of Jesus from within the Jewish religion would in time grow to a outside hatred of Judaism and



Christianity.

A double negative impact to God's Love, as Jesus had been sent first to the Jews and through their rejection the gentiles. It is clear that God was going to reach out to the Gentiles anyway, but He first needed to reach out to His chosen people of Israel.

**5But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.**

Jesus had been telling his disciples that He would be leaving them. That news was unsettling to them to say the least. He then comments to his Apostles that He told them He was leaving, and none had asked Him where He was going.

**Q.** Had none of His Apostles asked Jesus where He was going?

***John 13:36 Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.***

***John 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?***

**Q.** Is there a discrepancy in what Jesus said in verse 3 after

we see John 13:36 and John 14:5. John the author would know what he already wrote because we are now in John 16? So, what is the answer to this an obvious disconnect or simply an error on Jesus's part?

We need to put the statements of Peter and Thomas in their proper context.

***John 13:33**"Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'*

Jesus had told the Jews that they could not go to where He was going because they refused to believe that He was the Son of God. He is now telling the disciples that they cannot come with Him. There is at least one reason that comes to mind why this is the case. The only way to go to where Jesus was going was to die. The disciples had their lives ahead of them and a Build the Church the Body of Christ, mission to carry out. So, for Jesus to tell them they could not go with Him was correct. Jesus in verse **John 13:36** clarifies how or when they will follow Him.

***, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.***

This again is a Spiritual matter, and the disciples were still

thinking and talking about it as a physical dimension. They want to physically go with the Master, but where He is going is a spiritual conveyance, death. Jesus will in fact go physically as the first born of the new spiritual kingdom that will involve a physical resurrection coupled with His Spiritual dimension, something that had not happened, until He was raised physically from the dead. But in order to go to where Jesus was, they would only be able to go there spiritually after death, until a certain event happens.

**Q.** Can anyone tell us what event happens that changes the trip to heave from purely Spiritual to one that includes a physical presence on the part of the believer?

*1 Corinthians 15: [35](#)But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? [36](#)Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: [37](#)And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: [38](#)But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. [39](#)All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. [40](#)There are also **celestial** bodies, and bodies **terrestrial**: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.*

epouranios ep-oo-ran'-ee-os: above the sky -- **celestial**, (in) **heaven(-ly)**, high.

epigeios ep-ig'-i-os: worldly (physically or morally) --  
**earthly**, in earth, **terrestrial**.

***[41](#)There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.***

***[42](#)So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: [43](#)It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: [44](#)It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. [45](#)And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.***

***[46](#)Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. [47](#)The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. [48](#)As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. [49](#)And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.***

***Where O Death is Your Victory?***

***[\(Isaiah 57:1-2\)](#)***

***[50](#)Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.***

A brief rabbit trail here. How was sin passed from generation to generation? Through the blood, the DNA that is in the blood is transferred from mother/father to children.

When Jesus got His resurrection body the disciple's saw the flesh that was His body but what was missing?

The blood. It appears that the carrier of the sin of man is removed at the resurrection; there is no longer a need for it. Blood supplies nutrients, oxygen etc. to the body. When we are with Christ, we will no longer need the blood of our own bodies, as we now do based solely on what Jesus' body was described as at His Resurrection. Our life source will be completely from God. It appears to me that the only blood that will be ever present in the Kingdom of God after the Great White Throne Judgement as a reminder to all of us is the Blood of the Lamb.

***Revelation 5: 6And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.***

Let's continue with 1 Corinthians 15 relative to the resurrected bodies that believers will receive:

***51Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.***

**Q.** What is a common thread for all people who are dead?  
Blood was either removed when the bodies were embalmed or was changed into a solid with decay.

***54* So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. *55* O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? *56* The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. *57* But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

So, the answer to the first question is did the disciples not ask Jesus where He was going? In a way they did but not in a way that they showed an understanding of what they were really asking. They were thinking still in the physical sense and Jesus told them they had not asked Him in the Spiritual sense of where He was going. So, Jesus is correct when He says,

***“5But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.”***

We should take a moment and look at what Thomas said so we cover both bases.

***John 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?***

Thomas is mistaken again like Peter in thinking in the physical. They could not conceive at this point that two worlds were going to embrace. They could only see the physical dimension.

Remember they were repeatedly asking Jesus to show them God and then they would believe. Believe what? Believe that God exists?

They were caught up in the physical and had to have a breakthrough into the Spiritual. That breakthrough would not come until the Day of Pentecost when they finally met the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God. Once they saw and understood the difference between the physical and the Spiritual then their minds and hearts were open to the truth that was available at that time and even now.

But only when they saw Jesus in His resurrected body after He had risen from the dead did it all make sense as to why they could not follow Him. The questions they were asking were always in the physical, as they had no comprehension of the Spiritual.

So, when Jesus says none of them asked Him where He was going, He is absolutely correct. They could not even

conceive of the Spiritual location let alone that a physical body would be united with the Spirit and taken in that condition to Heaven.

**7Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**

This word “reprove” in the Greek from Strong’s Concordance is more akin to “convict”.

**ελεγει verb - future active indicative - third person singular**

**elegcho el-eng'-kho:** to confute, admonish -- convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.

So, with the correct understanding of Jesus term vs 8 reads

***8And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:***

***“And when he is come, he will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgement.”***

The next verse continues this thought of “conviction”.

**9Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.**



In this last verse Jesus declares what we have repeatedly talked about. Judgment. He declares that the world has already been judged. If judgment had not occurred, then there would have been no need for a sacrifice. But God Judged sin in Genesis, with Adam and Eve. The deed of sin was done, and the penalty was at first spiritual “death”, later physical death and both conditions were going to be passed on from generation to generation through the blood of man via the woman; only two things remained to be done once sin had entered the world; Judgment and Redemption.

**12I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.**

**Q.** What kinds of things still needed to be said that the disciples were incapable of “bearing”?

Just about everything in the New Testament by the Apostles including Paul. Quickened by the experience of being with Christ and their hearts and minds opened by the Spirit but most importantly, personally becoming “born again” the revelation of Pentecost would change almost everything.

**13Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

**14He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. 15All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.**

Jesus only said that which the Father told Him to say. In that, Jesus glorified God the Father. The Holy Spirit will follow suit and say only what the Father and the Son say to speak. The Spirit will glorify the Son and that glorifies the Father.

**16A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.**

The Apostle's problem was they could not see the Father (physically) so when Jesus says He is going to the Father, it just did no compute.

The train of confusion is about to pull out of the station once again.

**17Then said *some* of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? 18They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.**

Just when you think the disciples get it, confusion rears its head. Fortunately, we don't suffer from that confusion issue

today. Or maybe not.

Jesus knows they are confused and that they want to ask Him to clarify but they are afraid to show their ignorance. Pride is in their way. They talk among themselves hoping to uncover the mysteries of God when the only way to do that is to go to the Master.

We can go to His spoken Word to study it and search the depths of it. We can ask God and through the power of the Holy Spirit as Jesus said “**13Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:**”

The Apostle’s did not have what we have through the Word of God and the Spirit, at this point they only had the Torah, and it was not complete and they had the Priests and the Prophets.

**Q.** What is the best source of answers for all of our questions? **The Word of God**

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The disciples were struggling with what Jesus had just told them. He had said in vs 17:

***17Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? 18They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.***

**19Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, *Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?***

Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He repeated what He had already told them. He could not make it any plainer. Jesus was trying to prepare them for what was coming, but not all the horror that would come with His trial and Crucifixion. He wanted them to know that as the Son of God, He knew what was asked of Him by His Father and that He was going to be obedient for their sakes.

**20Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.**

The crucifixion of Jesus brought great joy to the religious leaders and even the Romans IE: ***“the world shall rejoice.”***

Jesus told the Apostles that they would weep, which they did. But their sorrow was indeed turned into joy.

**21A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow,  
because her hour is come: but as soon as she is  
delivered of the child, she remembereth no more  
the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the  
world. 22And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I  
will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and  
your joy no man taketh from you.**

In verse 21 it says, “for joy that a man is born into the world”.  
Sounds a bit sexist, but there is an explanation.

**ανθρωπος** noun - nominative singular masculine  
**anthropos** anth'-ro-pos: man-faced, i.e. a human being --  
certain, man.

It is where we get our term, Anthropology. According to  
Webster Dictionary Anthropology means:

***“anthropology***

**noun**

an·thro·pol·o·gy an(t)-thrə-ˈpă-lə-jē

**1: the science of human beings**

*especially : the study of human beings and their ancestors  
through time and space and in relation to physical character,  
environmental and social relations, and culture*

**2: theology dealing with the origin, nature, and destiny of  
human beings”**

So, when it says that **“for joy that a man is born”** it actually

means a human is born.

**23And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.**

When Jesus states “in that day” what “day” is He talking about?

It is most likely the day of the new covenant in general and Pentecost specifically when access to God was granted to all Believers in Christ. It started with the Jews who came to Christ then expanded to include the Gentiles who came to Christ.

***Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:***

It is important to emphasize who Jesus is talking about here. This new covenant was first for the Jews then later the gentiles. It was and has always been God’s focus to reach out to His Chosen people Israel. They are still His chosen people; nothing will ever change that. The church has not replaced Israel. What has changed is how God looks at the world. There are only two kinds of people when it comes to Jesus the Messiah. There are Believers and non-believers.

Jesus then references **“Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.”**

He prefaces that with “Verily, verily” and what did we learn when Jesus says that?

Anytime Jesus uses that phrase it is of exceptional importance what is to follow.

We have discussed this idea of asking anything in His name and it will be given to you. There is perhaps more here than meets the “name it and claim” idea.

When Jesus says this, we are asking the Father but using Jesus’ name to access the Father. It goes to the point that Jesus is our mediator, and we are incapable of coming to the Father in any other manner than through the Son for right now, until something changes.

Anyone who thinks in their own righteousness that they can approach the Father is sorely mistaken and in grave jeopardy of the wrath of God the Father. Look no further than the sons of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu who brought strange fire before the Lord. (Leviticus 10:1) They were from the Holy selected line of Aaron, yet their disrespect toward God brought them death.

***Leviticus 10: 1And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. 2And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.***

We are incapable of approaching the God of this universe of all creation without our advocate, Jesus Christ, through the Blood of the Lamb. Our access to God is only through the Son.

***John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.***

Jesus tells us that even though we can communicate with God in prayer, and He offers a pattern to use, He says that God already knows what we need even before we ask.

***Matthew 6:8Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.***

So, we need to go back to the Vine and the branches analogy to think through again; what would the branch ask of the vine?

**Q.** What was the purpose of the branch?

To bring forth fruit, that glorifies God.



That is our lot in this life, to bring forth fruit that glorifies God!  
Period.

**Q.** Where did the branch get the power to bring forth fruit?

The vine, the Son of God

**John 15:** ***1** I am the true vine,.....*

**John 15:** ***8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. **9** As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. **10** If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. **11** These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

**Q.** Who is the vine dresser?

God the Father **John 15:1..... and my Father is the husbandman.**

**John 15:2** ***Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.***

The husbandman or vinedresser purges or cleans the branches, and He purged it for one reason to bring forth more fruit.

The Greek word for fruit is:

**2590** *karpós* – properly, *fruit*; (figuratively) everything done in *true partnership with Christ*, i.e. a believer (a branch) lives in union with

Christ (the Vine). By definition, fruit ([2590](#) /*karpós*) results from *two* life-streams – the Lord living His life through ours – to yield what is eternal (cf. 1 Jn 4:17).

There is a word used in this last verse “Purge” and in the Greek it is:

**“*kathairo* *kath-ah'-ee-ro*: to cleanse, i.e. (specially) to prune; figuratively, to expiate -- purge.”**

It is likely where we get our medical word “Catheter”

**Q.** What did He use to cleanse the branches with?

The Word of God

***John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.***

The Word of God is a faith builder and life cleaner.

***Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

**Q.** So what would a branch ask of the vine?

**A.** To help it produce more fruit.

This entire conversation may well be about a “day” that is to come in which we ask anything in Jesus’s name and God will give it to us. Right now, He gives us what He knows we

already need and that is to produce more fruit.

**24Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

Hitherto means “until this time” so it would read; “Until this time”, meaning; from the time you had met Jesus, have ye asked nothing in my name. Remember Jesus was still talking about a certain day in the future, not this day that this was said. We are still following from verse 23, re-read.

***John 16:23And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.***

The point here is that there is still a day coming when we will have no questions, it will all be revealed to us. And when that day comes, and we are in the condition that God intended us to be in what is it that we could possibly need?

If there is a need, Jesus is declaring that we can ask it, and it will be given. He is so sure that our hearts and minds are in tune with the Father that the request will be 100% within God's Will.

This principal works today if we are asking anything that will help us produce more fruit to glorify the Father.

**25**These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs:  
but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak  
unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of  
the Father.

These things? What things has Jesus spoken unto the  
disciples in proverbs?

I think a good case can be made that He is referring to  
“these things” being all-inclusive. The disciples struggled  
with many things that Jesus told them and the gospels bear  
this out. In Matthew we find the disciples asking specifically  
a question of Jesus about why the Jewish leaders were  
spoken to in proverbs or parables.

*Matthew 13:10* And the disciples came and said to  
Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"  
*11* Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted  
to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but  
to them it has not been granted. 12" For whoever has,  
to him more shall be given, and he will have an  
abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he  
has shall be taken away from him....

From time to time the disciples would express their  
frustration to Jesus that they did not understand parable and  
He would explain it to them. Jesus said that to those that  
have, more will be given, and to those who do not have,  
even what they have would be taken.

**26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:**

Jesus declares that we have direct access to God, but we know that He, Jesus is our mediator. We can go with confidence to the Throne of God as we know our Lord and Savior sits at His Right Hand and is our spokesman for us with the Father.

This verse is similar to the vs 23:

***23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.***

Here again, Jesus speaks of “that day”. What happens on “that day”, and when is “that day”? In vs 23 He says **we won’t** ask Him anything and vs 26 He says that He **will not** ask the Father on our behalf.

Is this the day of Pentecost? Did we change from coming to God through Jesus? We did not, but the Apostles who spoke face to face with Jesus would no longer be able to speak to Him face to face. Now their questions and prayers went directly to God’s Throne. Jesus was there and took their prayers to God’s ear in a Righteous form.

Is that true for us as well. Do we go to God’s Throne now

with our petitions?

**“26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:**

Jesus won't intercede because there is no longer a need for Him to do so. We will be mature brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ in the presence of our Father forever more. God will reveal all and we will have no more questions or petitions. We will function as God intended, one body, one Church.

***Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.***

**27For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. 28 I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.**

The key in these two verses is to who He is talking to is two words, “loved” and “believed”. Faith in Christ is what separates the believers from the unbelievers. Not head knowledge, but heart faith, circumcision of the Heart to Love Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

**29His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. 30Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. 31Jesus answered them, **Do ye now believe?****

There is a difference between Believing and understanding. As scripture tells us while we are in this state of flesh and blood we see dimly. There will be a time when we will see clearly. The Apostles were starting to see what Jesus was talking about and were becoming bolder. That boldness was generated in their Spirit as their spirits stirred at hearing Truth. However, the flesh would soon be tested as they gained more Spiritual knowledge. Not until Pentecost would that Spiritual Believing take full bloom in His Apostles.

**32Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. 33These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

It is hard as we walk through life to understand that it is not now or ever has been about the world, it is and always has been about the Kingdom of God. The one we can't see right now, but on a certain day we will see it with our own eyes

and not be surprised but will be speechless at His Glory. We have been and are being trained and taught by the Holy Spirit what God's Kingdom is like. There is a day that it will manifest in the sight of mankind, for some a glorious day, for others a day of terror.

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